

## Bedford City Society.

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BEDFORD CITY, October 21.—Mrs. F. O. Thomas on Tuesday afternoon entertained most pleasantly the members of the Peaks of Otter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and other guests at her handsome home on Loudwood Avenue. The attractiveness of the apartments was heightened by many beautiful flowers, the indispensable adjunct of any social occasion in Bedford's capital.

Rev. Dr. Peter Tinsley, of Cincinnati, read an interesting paper upon the history of Colonial Virginia, containing much valuable information.

Very dainty refreshments were graciously dispensed and the occasion was much enjoyed.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. John S. Jones entertained a number of her lady friends with an autumn card party, in which the idea of autumn was artistically carried out in all the details. In the hall Miss Louise Kasey dispensed punch from a bowl hidden in a huge golden pumpkin, around which were entwined long wreaths of Virginia creeper with its beautiful crimson and green foliage. The parlor was converted into a scene of gorgeous autumn leaves upon which the twinkling light of many white candles shed a soft radiance. The fair-haired Miss Kasey wore a costume of white with Dresden girdle and decorations of autumn leaves.

The game was six-handed progressive euchre, at which there were six tables. The scores were indicated with bright maple leaves and upon each table was a little bowl of chestnuts for the refreshment of the players. A few beautiful "last roses of summer" graced the pretty scene.

The following were contestants in the game: Mrs. S. Griffin, Mrs. H. O. Humphreys, Mrs. B. Kasey, Mrs. W. W. Berry, Mrs. R. B. Mossy, Mrs. J. A. Clark, Mrs. J. R. Moore, Mrs. W. R. Abbott, Jr., Mrs. S. R. Read, Mrs. H. B. Berry, Mrs. C. W. Wharton, Mrs. Robert Nichols, Mrs. George Sheppard, Mrs. C. L. Mossy, Mrs. Hunter Miller, Mrs. J. W. Hurl, Mrs. B. C. Hays, Mrs. George M. Berry, Mrs. J. M. Speece, Mrs. W. T. Yancy, Mrs. Cabell Thomas, Mrs. Julius Buford, Mrs. M. S. Read, Mrs. H. B. Berry, Mrs. Burks, Mrs. Jessie Sheppard, Mrs. Annie Davis, Jo Moore, Jarvis Gunstall, Florrie Clayton, Bessie and Louise Kasey, Margaret Oliver and Rosalie Smith.

Mrs. Ruan, Mrs. Moore and Miss Rosalie Smith won all of the three games and out for the prize fortune favoring Mrs. Moore, who received the award, a hand-painted cup and saucer with decoration of autumn leaves and chestnuts. Mrs. Moore drew the consolation prize, a blotter shaped like a leaf with bright thistles.

A finale of the occasion was the serving upon the card tables upon embroidered doilies an appetizing menu of substantial, delicious and which was the salad served in bright red apples. The hostess was assisted in serving her guests by her sisters, Misses Rosalie and Louise Kasey, Margaret Oliver and Rosalie Smith.

A silver tea was given Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. O. Thomas by the ladies of the Literary Association in behalf of the fund for fitting up a reading-room in the new building of the library. Instrumental and vocal music and light refreshments served to compose a very agreeable evening. The association of the time or more was received gratefully by the members of the association whose work in establishing and offering of a reading-room is entirely unselfish. The librarians serve without remuneration, and only a dollar a year is paid by the city. The association is now about a thousand or more volumes in the library, besides all the leading magazines.

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## ACADEMY OF MUSIC THURSDAY EVENING

Booker-Powell Recital--Superb Mason and Hamlin Piano from the Cable Company to Be Used.

No event as important, locally, as the recital of Miss Betty Burwell Booker and Mr. John Powell at the Academy next Thursday night has ever happened in Richmond. Both artists have gathered fame and recognition of their ability and genius.

The Cable Company, through its manager here, Mr. J. G. Corley, has brought about the recital, and, with the departure of Mr. Powell for Vienna to finish his course with his illustrious music master, Leschetizky, and the return of Miss Booker from abroad, after a flattering season in London, Richmonders will have the first opportunity to see her two great artists in recital together as professionals.

To secure a piano with the finest possible tone for a virtuoso the Cable Company's manager has secured from their Mason and Hamlin Branch one of the best concert grands they have in their studios in Boston. This piano, a magnificent instrument, has been secured at considerable cost in the matter of transportation and care, and it will be heard under the magic touch of Powell in a splendid selection of the masters during the recital, as well as under the touch of the accompanist to Miss Booker, whose exquisite voice has already made her a London success among the finest and best of the artists in the concert world.

The Mason and Hamlin factory has reached the highest point of artistic endeavor in the piano which Mr. Powell will play, and the same instrument provided for some of the greatest virtuosi of the world will be given him for the Booker-Powell recital.

Tickets now on sale at The Cable Company. Prices, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

### STAUNTON SOCIAL

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STAUNTON, VA., October 21.—A largely attended dance was given at the Staunton Military Academy this week in the new gymnasium in honor of the foot-ball team. Among the young ladies dancing were Misses Timmerlake, Janet Bear, Duane, Robt. Andrews, Bessie Andrews, Walter, Fannie Runyon, Gertrude Edmondson, Missie Kirby, Weller and Edna Edmondson. Chaperones were Mrs. Schieler, Mrs. Kable, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Sherb. Missie Kable was hostess and Cadet Brooks master of ceremonies. The affair was a most delightful one.

A pretty marriage took place at the residence of Rev. A. D. Garber, of Augusta county, Wednesday, when Mr. Charles A. Hale and Miss Virginia Smith, of Sangerville, Augusta county, were married.

The Staunton alumni of the University of Virginia will give a german here on the night of the 27th, immediately after the University Glee Club concert. The Beverly Theatre Orchestra of eight pieces will furnish the music.

Mr. Carlton R. Clemmer and Miss Myrtle Gwinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gwinn, were married at Middlebrook, Augusta county, Wednesday.

Mr. James R. Peyton and Miss Mary A. Johnston were married at Stuart's Draft Tuesday.

Miss Catherine Young, of Richmond, who has been visiting Miss Rose Harrison, of this city, returned to Richmond this week.

Miss Corn Fitzhugh was called to Portsmouth Wednesday on account of the illness of her mother.

Major and Mrs. James H. Dooley, who have been spending some time here, have returned to Richmond.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., October 21.—The L'Arlesio German Club, Wilmington's oldest social organization, and one that has a State reputation for its brilliant functions, has decided upon the date for its opening dance. The affair will be given on the evening of the 31st of the present month and will be in honor of the bridal party of the Armstrong-Crow nuptials, as upon the afternoon of this day, Mr. George Crow will lead to the altar Miss Olive Armstrong. Both are prominent young social people.

The L'Arlesio Club, another one of the city's social clubs, organized for the season this week, and will announce its opening german in a day or two. Mr. Paul Cartwell was selected as leader, and the other officers were Mr. Emmett Crow, president; Mr. Julian R. Clements,

vice-president; Mr. Clarence Myers, secretary and treasurer; and these officers constitute the governing board with the addition of Messrs. Marion James, William Walker and Strudwick Nall.

Three interested weddings were celebrated in the city the past week. Tuesday afternoon at the home of five Miss Agnes Anders, daughter of Dr. W. K. Anders, and Mr. William L. Bissinger, proprietor of a large clear store here, were united in marriage, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., officiating, and Tuesday evening Miss Claudia Orrell and Mr. Wallace Sellers formed a union for life, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. A. McCullen.

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## THE BIG FOX HUNT AT THE MECKLENBURG

The Hunters to Gather Tuesday for Four Day's Sport.

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THE MECKLENBURG, CHASE, CITY, VA., October 21.—Fox, dog and horse is timely talk here. The Mecklenburg members of the Virginia-Carolina Fox Hunters Association commences Tuesday next, and continuing until the Saturday following. There will be a grand ball and banquet on the night of the 27th, an every day chase, oratory, dancing every night. Special rates will bring the crowd hither to the greatest of field sports. Everything is prepared for all comers. There are no preferences or privileges that money can buy in the manly and gentlemanly fox chase. It is a free and open field for all who participate and "honor to whom honor is due."

The oldest hunters, as well as the youngest, will be here to vie with one another in the chase and to tell of chases in by-gone days, of which the narrators never tire.

A fox chase is something never to be forgotten, and certainly the Mecklenburg's chase never will be.

Arrivals have been increasing this week. The weather is ideal October weather. Every one is out of doors all day long, enjoying the full foliage and fresh air, driving and riding all the while.

The illness of Mr. R. T. Aunsbaugh has called to his bedside all of his children, viz: Messrs. Frederick and R. C. Aunsbaugh, Mrs. Kyle and Misses Annie, E. Aunsbaugh.

Mr. Benjamin Watkins Leigh, of Houston, Va., is here this week, under the treatment of Dr. Walton, and with him came the several members of his family, namely: William Leigh, Danville, Va.; Leigh Taliferro, Virginia; Dr. John R. Leigh, Charlottesville, Va.; Miss Rebecca Leigh, Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Aunsbaugh has again improved somewhat, under the most careful nursing.

Among late arrivals are R. C. Aunsbaugh, Norfolk, Va.; E. W. Hall, Baltimore, Md.; S. P. Spitz, Washington, D. C.; D. C. Wilkins, Washington, D. C.; B. E. Cogbill, Boynton, Va.; George H. Wells, Boynton, Va.; W. A. Magee, Clarksville, Va.; Thomas N. Williams, Clarksville, Va.; H. L. Whitehead, Reading, Pa.; C. A. Spencer, Jr., Richmond, Va.; John Taylor Lewis, Clarksville, Va.; Thomas W. Pursell, Richmond, Va.; Miss May Davis, Mecklenburg county, Va.; Mrs. Boyd, Charlotte Courthouse, Va.; Julian Freeman, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. R. K. Gregory, Greensboro, N. C.; N. W. Bacon, Mebane, N. C.; J. K. White, Louisville, N. C.; William Leigh, Danville, Va.; Benjamin Watkins Leigh, Houston, Va.; D. C. Harrison, Clarksville, Va.; Leigh Taliferro, Virginia; Miss Julia Aunsbaugh, Virginia; W. M. Justice, Jr., Richmond, Va.; William A. Anderson, Lexington, Va.; T. N. Williams, Clarksville, Va.; Frederick Aunsbaugh, Norfolk, Va.; V. Louis Wolf, New York; J. A. Drake, Jr., M. D., Clarksville, Va.; Dr. John R. Leigh, Clarksville, Va.; Miss Rebecca Leigh, Clarksville, Va.; John J. May, Richmond, Va.; Henry R. Miller, Richmond, Va.

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**FIRST.** Because our store is **EXCLUSIVE** in this line and our whole attention is given to this specialty.

**SECOND.** Our garments are made by houses employing the best tailors, and in design and cut are equal to any custom-tailored at double the price.

**THIRD.** Our fitting cannot be surpassed, and the best evidence is that every one is pleased.

## Specials for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Fifty-inch Coat Suits, in all shades, of excellent quality Cheviot; taffeta lined; with plaited skirt, strictly tailored in every detail. Value, \$20.00. Special \$17.50

Fifty-inch Broadcloth Suit, in black and blue; lined throughout with taffeta; plaited skirt; \$32.50 value. Special \$25.00

A large assortment of Gray Suits just received, in Imported Worsteds and Mixtures; stylish 50-inch coats and the short box effects; beautifully lined and tailored. Just the correct thing in popular Grays. Prices, \$20.00 to \$37.50.

## Misses' Coats and Suits from 12 to 18 years of age.

Fancy Mixtures in Norfolk and Empire effects, shawl collar, braid trimmed, full plaited skirts; also, fitted coats and box effects in Cheviots and Broadcloths. Prices, \$12.50 to \$27.50.

Special Misses' Suit, in fancy mixtures, Norfolk style, shawl collar, plaited skirts. A beauty for \$15.00. Special price \$12.50

Special Misses' Suit, in blue and black Cheviot, box coat, velvet collar, lined throughout; plaited skirt; \$18.50 value. Special at \$15.00

Misses' Coats, Peter Thompson's styles, in Blue, Red and Covert. Special prices for these days, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.75 and \$10.00.

A large shipment of Ladies' Silk Petticoats, in all desired shades. The all silk, all-silk dust ruffle kind. Five styles. We sell at \$5.00.

## PUREST AIR TO-DAY IS FOUND INDOORS

How the Lungs of a Modern Building Do Their Work—Filtered Atmosphere One of the Up-to-Date Comforts Supplied to Hotel Guests—Temperature and Humidity, too, Are Regulated to Meet Weather Conditions.

(Special Correspondence of The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 21, 1905.—The coming of the first used to begin the "close season" all over America, according to the British humorists who could not understand our national preference for warm, dry houses in cold and damp weather.

There was doubtless some foundation for the gibe, for ventilation did not keep pace with the development of good living in other directions during the nineteenth century. But this energetic age has laid down as one of its first principles that fresh air is more to be desired than great riches; that the strenuous life can be supported only by a proper regard for hygiene. Many people, nowadays, sleep with windows wide open, and the men who object to breathing "stagnant" air, while the fresh air cure is the up-to-date substitute for drugs in the treatment of many ailments.

Time was when it was supposed that really fresh air, the simon-pure article, could be obtained only in regions far from the great cities and profusely wooded localities as the balmy pine groves of the South, the great forests of the Adirondacks, and on the mountain slopes of the West. In cities and towns the remark "Let's go out and get a breath of fresh air" is often made, but nowadays the "breath of fresh air" is supplied by the building scientists.

It might be supposed that air taken from the top of a lofty building would be regarded as pure, but as a matter of fact, the atmosphere about a great city is heavily charged with dust, germs and all sorts of undesirable things. No up-to-date hotel would think of furnishing to its patrons this sort of breathing material, any more than it would tolerate impure or improperly cooked food. So all the air blown through the Astor's ventilating system is carefully altered as soon as it is drawn from the upper regions. The filters are made of fine-woven cheesecloth, re-enforced by wire screens, and there is a series of these screens in the main air duct arranged zigzag, so that they catch all the dust and germs, and forty times that of the dust itself. Every particle of dust and every impurity is removed from the air as it passes through these purifiers. The amount of matter

is expelled the vitiated air drawn from kitchen, dining-room, lobby and guest chamber.

The score of giant fans and blowers can force through the building more than 300,000 cu. ft. of air every minute of the twenty-four hours. The ventilating plant is divided into five distinct systems, for independent control, each of which has both "sucking" and "blowing" fans. The separation of the supply ducts that connect with the registers all over the house is made mainly in the basement and some of the pipes are more than 300 feet long from their starting point at the great fans to where the air is discharged, while the velocity with which the air whirls through them is a little higher than that at which the passengers descend the main shaft, where it travels at the rate of 1,100 feet a minute.

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She—What do you suppose is the cause of so many divorces?

He—I think the numerous marriages must have something to do with it.—Chicago News.

MOORE MAKES MONEY FOR YOU!